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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Dept. of Justice Ruling.

Dear Sirs,

I am moderately satisfied with the recent ruling that you have come to against Microsoft, however I would like to add a few extra perspectives>

1. I have had numerous people complain to me about the fact that Internet Explorer is un-installable. Several parents find that Netscape is a better choice, and much easier to use when it comes to protecting children from questionable content. However, leaving Internet Explorer on the system is mandatory, and also opens the computers to new security threats. I feel this is an example of Microsoft's attempt to monopolize the Internet.
2. In times prior, Microsoft has operated an online gaming website called "The Zone". I would like to point out that users attempting to access this website with Netscape were told that they *had* to use Internet Explorer to access the site. Once again, this was attempting to push Netscape out of the running for competition.
3. I also believe certain non-classified portions of Microsoft's source code should be available to the public, or at least to security professionals. Microsoft has shown an inconsistency in the past with providing security fixes for critical flaws in a reasonable manner, and if officials from other computer departments were able to more closely reference, this could help to sort out potential problems that computer crime can cause.
4. Although this is slightly off-topic, I believe Microsoft really needs to concentrate against bashing open source software. If MS and the Open Source community could learn to peacefully co-exist and prosper, I'm fairly sure we could become the chief software producing country in the world, if we are not already. Note that this also could seriously stimulate the economy to avoid the potential 'recession' that everyone fears is heading in.

Thank you for providing your time and bandwidth to receive our feedback,

Sincerely,

Jonathan J. Zegelian